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SUBJECT: MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MEETING LOME, FEB. 21-28

REF: (A) LOME 474, (B) LOME 483, (C) LOME 509, (D) LOME 520,
(E) LOME 522,

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD UP WORK EARLY EVENING FEBRUARY 28
AND OAU SECRETARIAT CLOSED UP SHOP IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.
EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE FINAL TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS,
SOME OF WHICH WERE MODIFIED AT FINAL PLENARY SESSION AND WILL
ONLY BECOME AVAILABLE IN ADDIS. MOST SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS IN
THIS CATEGORY CONCERN LIBERATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON RHODESIA,
NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND RESOLUTION ON AFRO-ARAB COOPERA-
TION.

2. AMONG OTHER ACTIONS ON FINAL DAY, COM APPROVED RESOLUTION ON
SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH APPEALS TO ALL COUNTRIES,
AND PARTICULARLY NEW ZEALAND, TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT FOR APARTHEID BY
RENOUNCING SPORTING WITH RACIST SOUTH AFRICA. RESOLUTION CALLS
UPON ALL OAU MEMBERS TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING PART IN ANY SPORTING
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EVENTS IN 1977 AND 1978 IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND OR ANY COUNTRY
MAINTAINING SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATES.

3. THE REPORT ON ZIMBABWE AS SUBMITTED TO PLENARY BY COMMITTEE
ATTRIBUTED BREAK-DOWN OF GENEVA TALKS TO INTRANSIGENCE OF IAN
SMITH REGIME AND PLEDGED OAU SUPPORT FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AS BEST
WAY TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE. REPORT INVITES INTERNATIONAL

COMMUNITY TO REJECT ANY SOLUTION IN ZIMBABWE TO WHICH "FIGHTING CADRES" ARE NOT PARTY. AS NOTED REF E, REPORT OF LIBERATION COMMITTEE AND QUESTION OF OAU RELATIONS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT AND OTHER MOVEMENTS PASSED ON TO CHIEFS OF STATE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

4. ON MARGIN OF CONFERENCE, EYADEMA HAD INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH SITHOLE AND MUGABE. HE REPORTEDLY LECTURED BOTH TO RESPECT TRADITION OF LOME AS PLACE WHERE AFRICAN UNITY PREVAILS AND AVOID ANY PUBLIC AIRING OF DIFFERENCES.

5. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS PASSED ON FINAL DAY REAFFIRMED OAU'S STAND ON MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE QUESTION AND CALLED FOR A SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN ON COMORO TO MAP STRATEGY FOR SPEEDY LIBERATION OF MAYOTTE. A SEPARATE RESOLUTION CHARGED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE UP MAJUNGA AFFAIR IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF COMORO AND MADAGASCAR. A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS DEALTH WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS IN KEEPING WITH FACT THAT LOME COM WAS OSTENSIBLY FOCUSED ON LATTER ISSUES.

6. EMBASSY WILL BE TRANSMITTING BY AIRGRAM SUCH CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AS IT WAS ABLE TO ACQUIRE.

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